APPENDIX

The following Congressional debate is from *The Congressional Globe,* 1864.

MR. HOOPER. * * * It is to prevent the national banks from making such loans that we limit the rate of interest, nor in any case to exceed the rate of seven per cent. per annum; and this rate was selected because it is the legal rate in the great commercial State of New York.

The banks authorized under this national law are restricted and controlled in regard to the amount of currency they can issue and the rate of interest on their loans. * * *

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[April 6, 1864, page 450.]

MR. TRUMBULL. The law of Illinois is precisely like that of Iowa. Six per cent. is the legal rate of interest, but they may charge ten by special contract.

MR. SHERMAN. If the Senator wishes the word "established" before "rate," I am perfectly willing to put it in there.

[May 5, 1864, page 2125.]

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MR. GRIMES: I was going to show the Senator that the law of last winter is not the law he proposes to enact now. That was "the established rate of interest" by the law of the State. What was the rate established? Six per cent. was the rate established by the laws of the State, but there was an exception which declared * * *. Now let me read to the Honorable Senator what he proposes: "Interest at the rate allowed," not "established" "at the rate allowed by the laws of the State." Ten per cent. was allowed

by the laws of the State, but ten per cent. was not the "established" law of the State. * * *

[May 5, 1864, page 2125.]

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MR. TRUMBULL. I regret that the word "allowed" has been changed to the word "established." * * * My impression is that it would change the character of the law entirely to alter the word "allowed" to "established."

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[May 5, 1864, page 2126.]